

Comment Letter I51

Hingtgen, Robert J

From: Paula Byrd <paulabyrd46@yahoo.com>  
Sent: Tuesday, February 11, 2014 9:54 AM  
To: Hingtgen, Robert J; Fogg, Mindy; Gungle, Ashley  
Subject: Formula for all solar projects

Dear Mr. Hingtgen:

We did some extensive research and spoke with an engineer regarding a project starting in Palm Desert called the Garnet Solar Project. He shared what it takes to work on the construction side, dirt work for the solar project, similar to the proposed Boulevard Soitec Solar Project. These calculations reflect an eight hour day.

They are moving 15,000 cubic yards of dirt per day which require 38 gallons of water per cubic yard to achieve 90% relative compaction, so in an 8 hour day they are using 570,000 gallons of water per day. Per day!

Obviously, the water calculations in the EIR for the Boulevard Soitec Project is grossly miscalculated!

Please include this information in the Soitec Draft PEIR Project record.

We have created a Petition and have been going door to door in the Boulevard community for signatures. We have also taken several pictures from each property to show how the Soitec project will affect the homeowners in a very Negative way. This information will be sent your way soon.

Also, please confirm you have received this email.

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Response to Comment Letter I51

Jeff and Paula Byrd

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The County evaluated the water supply for the Proposed Project in the Draft Program Environmental Impact Report; see Sections 3.1.5.3.4, Groundwater Resources, and 3.1.9.3.1, Water. Please also refer to common response WR1 and WR2, which discusses updated (increased) estimates for water use by the Proposed Project in detail. The commenters are also referred to public comment response I32-8, which explains why water use on the Eco Substation site was so high. Like the Eco Substation project, the Garnet solar project requires large-scale modification of the topography. Beyond shallow grading and certain site preparation activities, the general topography of the Proposed Project sites will be maintained.

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See the response to comments I104-6, I104-8, and I104-9 for a response to the petition referenced in this comment.

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